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Statement on the 2021-23 Wisconsin Budget

"The Legislature built a budget that will benefit everyone in our state."

Madison – Today, the Legislature's 2021-23 Biennial State Budget became law. Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) released the following statement:

"Today is a great win for the people of our state. We now have a responsible state budget that cuts taxes, spends wisely, and keeps our state on solid financial footing. The Legislature built a budget that truly represents Wisconsin values.

"Governor Tony Evers deserves <u>NO</u> credit for signing our budget. This was not a bipartisan process of colleagues sharing ideas. He got boxed into a corner and rather than fight for his unpopular budget and risk a political knockout, he and his team threw in the towel and signed our responsible budget.

"He is not a fighter. He is not a leader. He did not sign our conservative budget out of bipartisan motives. He is merely sensible enough to recognize a better budget when he sees one.

"Governor Evers proposed raising taxes by more than \$1 billion to fund his tax-andspend budget. Instead, the Legislature listened to Wisconsinites and passed the most conservative spending plan in a generation including a tax cut of more than \$3 billion.

"The Legislature targeted funding increases to health care providers, special education, local roads, and mental health services - investing in areas of need while cutting taxes and holding state spending to historic lows. Today, despite minor, politically-motivated partial vetoes, our Wisconsin Budget will become law.

"The Legislature delivered a Wisconsin Budget that benefits everyone and sets our state on a solid foundation for the future."

Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He serves as Majority Leader for the Wisconsin State Senate.

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